

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4 Study Questions

Read 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

What is the complaint against Paul in this passage?

Although a small matter, how could the disappointment over Paul's absence affect the relationship between Paul and the church long term?

How does Paul respond to the criticism?

If you are around someone long enough, you're going to have a disagreement. Instead of ignoring the problem (however small), what Scriptures could shed light on what you should do?

How does he explain his change of plans?

1 Corinthians 15:10 says, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." In verse 12 of our 2 Corinthians passage, Paul says he lives by "the grace of God".

What does it mean to live by the grace of God? What are some practical examples of how that would look in everyday life?

Read James 3:13-17. According to the passage, what are the differences between earthly wisdom and wisdom from above?

How do we use this wisdom from above on a daily basis?

Consider some of the decisions you have made recently. What are some examples of when you've used earthly wisdom as opposed to wisdom from above? Or vice versa?

What does it mean that all of God's promises have their 'Yes' in Christ?

What are some examples of the blessings we have in Christ?

What does the Holy Spirit guarantee (v. 22)?

Why is important to understand we have this guarantee?